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FAREWELL, MARGARETT

by Karen Wood, Documents Assistant

After 25 years, Margaret Rogers, our Cataloging Technician “Extraordinaire,” is retiring from Orange County Public Law Library.

I first met Margaret in 1984. My first impression of the Law Library was of her training me to put yellow dots on superseded cassettes and showing me how to use the electric eraser on card catalogs. I thought to myself, “this is going to be fun working in a library.” She always explained things so clearly and had such great penmanship! She was my mentor who taught me everything I know about working in a library. We didn’t just have a professional relationship. She has always been a “2:00 in the morning” kind of friend who has always been available if I needed to talk. I don’t know very many people about whom I can say that. She wasn’t just that way with me, either. She was a “rock” for many of us at the library. Many former employees kept contact with the library through Margaret. She helped me get rehired after I’d quit the library to go back to college. Margaret was the unofficial “President” of the department’s book club. She kept all of us in books and introduced me to legal fiction. I always had a stack of books from Margaret waiting for me to read; I never had to go to the library or bookstore.

Margaret’s nickname here at the Law Library is “the oracle” because whenever anyone had a question about where something was or why a record looked the way it did, Margaret almost always knew the answer. She has a fantastic memory.


Before she left, I “picked her brain” one last time and she kindly supplied me with the following answers when I questioned her about her times working here and at other libraries:

How many years have you worked in libraries? How many other libraries have you worked at?

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ON DISPLAY

FOCUS ON EUROPE

Our spring book display features Europe, which recently expanded its union of 15 West European nations to include 10 nations in the Mediterranean and Eastern Europe, most of which were parts or satellites of the former Soviet Union. The new European Union is discussing further expansion to the Balkans, Ukraine and Turkey, and hopes to rival the United States in power and prosperity. Our display includes library materials on the development of European law. 

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I have always loved libraries and started helping in a small town library when I was 10 and then I could get the new books before everyone else. I worked in my high school library doing circulation, filing catalog cards and doing inventory during the summer. I was the symphonic band librarian during college at San Francisco State and took care of the music and individual music folders. After I married and had my two daughters, I went to work at the Marine Recruit Depot Library in San Diego in 1974-76. When we moved to Orange County I worked part-time at the Santa Ana College Library for six months before I started part-time at OCLL in June 1977 and then became full time in December 1977 until April 1981. I worked at the United States Courts Library in downtown Los Angeles from April 1981 until May 1983 where the Librarian and I combined three libraries into one and I wrote and assembled the library's brochure. In September 1983 I came back to the Law Library as the Cataloging Technician. I have always loved libraries and am always reading several books at one time.

What are your proudest accomplishments that you've achieved here at OCPLL?

My proudest accomplishment was to prepare for the Library's online catalog by doing the retrospective conversion on RLIN of the card catalog. I also enjoyed training and supervising co-workers. I tried to maintain very high standards for my work product and hoped to stimulate others to do the same. I served on the Space Management Committee, the Transcript Committee and the Collection Development Committee and wrote several articles throughout the years of the Transcript's existence. I was one of the original members of the Library's committee to join OCEA as the Law Library unit and have been an officer and served on the negotiating team through several negotiations.


What kind of changes have you seen since you began working here?

I have seen the Library add many staff positions; all staff being able to attend outside classes and training; the online catalog and then our catalog being offered on the Internet; going from maintaining a card catalog to doing catalog database maintenance four weeks a year. I have gone from using a typewriter to

becoming adept on computers. There has always been something new to learn and be challenged by and I really liked that!

What will you miss most?

I will miss all my friends and co-workers the most since they have all been a part of my life for over 25 years. We have gone through all of life's experiences with each other - marriages, divorce, births, deaths and just everyday life. I will miss working on the catalog and learning new library related things. As Victoria said at the staff-board lunch last month, we are a family!

Margarett is planning to move to Riverside County to be closer to her family after she retires. She will be working part-time to help her son-in-law's business and is looking forward to traveling cross-country in May. We will greatly miss her and be a lot more lost here at the library without her! 



Ask a Librarian

Question of the Quarter

by Lu Nguyen, Reference Librarian

Q. How do I obtain a copy of a divorce in Orange County, California?

A. You may send a letter to the Court requesting a copy of the divorce (dissolution). Certified copies of a dissolution (divorce) judgment, including attached pages, is Items #1 and #2 of Certification and Copying Fees Schedule <http://www.occourts.org/geninfo/rcdfees.asp#cert>

You may obtain copies by mail. You will need to include in your request:

- ✧ Case number
- ✧ Case name
- ✧ Indicate "entire file" or specify documents by title. Specify date filed (if unknown, give approximate year of filing).
- ✧ Check made payable to "Clerk of the Court"
- ✧ Self-addressed return envelope with sufficient postage for the return of the copies

Mail to:

Superior Court, Family Law Division

341 The City Drive

Orange, Ca 92868

Attn: Records

<http://www.occourts.org/geninfo/flpfff.asp#copies>



Of Human Turbulence: America's Ongoing Social Evolution in a Nutshell

by W. Clifford Vining

WE WILL BE KNOWN BY THE TRACKS WE LEAVE BEHIND...

- American Indian Proverb

Part III

Through mayhem, mass slaughter, and horrific enmity, King Philip's War of 1675 produced a new sense of identity for the colonial New Englanders. They had not only grown stronger materially, but now with so much of their own blood mixing with the soil, they had grown stronger spiritually. The crucible of warfare had forged an attachment to the land that neither grant nor deed could ever bestow.

Tragically, however, mutual respect and admiration between the Indian tribes and colonialists dissolved, and a future of "peaceful and fruitful relations" with one another would have seemed a distant and dangerous dream for both. Gone were the days and nights when the English relied upon the knowledge and skills of Indians to survive harsh winters. Pleasant village and colonial memories of "thanksgiving" meals, planting, harvesting, hunting and trading were replaced with reciprocal mistrust and bitterness. Both colonialists and Indians felt betrayed by the other, and both probably sought emotional and religious refuge in feelings and creeds of superiority and self-righteousness.¹ The spirit of exchange, of the eager willingness to learn from the other, would now be replaced with the spirit of seclusion. The enclosed fort of the fearful heart had replaced the open door of the mind.

PENN'S LIBERTARIAN COMMONWEALTH

Nevertheless, despite this calamitous social condition between the two major cultures, the grand cause of religious tolerance, liberty of conscience, and of at least a measure of racial acceptance, took a giant leap forward with a "Holy Experiment" upon land granted by Charles II to William Penn. In part as a result of genuine affection, as well as a convenient way of ridding England of the revolutionary and socially unnerving Quakers, Charles II decided in 1681 to grant Penn a vast tract of territory in the New World. The King also decreed that the land was to be called, "Pennsylvania", in honor of Penn's father, a widely admired admiral and national hero of England.²

For the most part, the Quaker inhabitants of

Pennsylvania evolved happy relations with the indigenous nations, not unlike the first wave of English settlers during the late 1630's in the Rhode Island of Puritan dissenter and outcast, Roger Williams. Indeed, Penn was known among the various Indian peoples, such as the Susquehannocks, Shawnees, and the Delaware, for his courageous compassion, athletic grace, intelligence and benevolence. No doubt the Quaker doctrine that everyone is in possession of an "inner light" of God served as a soothing balm over any misgivings. To the devout Quaker moral and spiritual equality came with being born human. Why, then, not treat the Indians justly? Why pre-judge their inner light, their souls as possessing less light, less goodness than your own?

Toward the worthy goal of establishing social harmony and mutual respect and admiration, Penn traded honorably with the Indians, always giving a fair price for the lands he purchased. He gave due recognition to the many injustices the indigenous nations had endured at the hands of the "white man". As he stated in 1682 to the "kings of the Indians in America", he and the Quakers were not in the New World to do injury, but "to live in peace and friendship" and "to do good".

These good relations would prove beneficial to the Quakers. During the bloody French and Indian War (Seven Years War) of 1755-62, a harrowing echo of the earlier King Philip's War, various tribes once again tried vainly to regain their stolen lands. Despite widespread violence and the commission of atrocities on all sides, the lives and property of the Quakers were generally left unharmed by the various Indian participants.³

To be continued

¹ See Part II of this article in the November 2004 Transcript.

² See <http://www.quaker.org/wmpenn>.

³ See <http://whitepinepictures.com/seeds/iii/39/history2.html>, as well as <http://www.quaker.org>. For a sampling of the thoughts of William Penn, see his *Fruits of Solitude* reprinted in *The Harvard Classics*, Charles W. Eliot, editor, P.F. Collier & Son Corp., New York at GEN2AC1A4H3. For a dissenting voice over the attitudes of the Quakers, see Robert Leckie's "A Few Acres of Snow": *The Saga of the French and Indian Wars*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1999, located at 973.25 LECKIE, Newport Beach Public Library.




LATEST ACTION GUIDES AVAILABLE TO CHECK OUT

by John Patrick Quigley

The Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) is publishing revisions to their popular Action Guides in a new style, which our library is making available to check out. The revised guides are located on the shelves as follows:

- ✧ *Handling a Real Property Foreclosure: Here's How and When to Do It*, GEN3 KFC177.F6B7 2004
- ✧ *Handling Disputes During Construction: Here's How and When to Do It*, GEN3 KFC424.Z9H65 2004
- ✧ *Handling Mechanics' Liens and Related Remedies (Private Works)*, GEN3 KFC229.Z9H86 2004
- ✧ *Handling Motions to Compel and Other Discovery Motions: Here's How and When to Do It*, GEN3 KFC1020.Z9T53 2004
- ✧ *Here's How and When to Do It: Handling Mold Litigation in California* (old style), GEN3 KFC641.5.M6H35 2003
- ✧ *Obtaining a Writ of Possession*, GEN3 KFC180.Z9R43 2004
- ✧ *Planning and Conducting Family Law Discovery*, GEN3 KFC115.Z9C63 2004
- ✧ *Preparing for Trial: Here's How and When to Do It*, GEN3 KFC1020.Z9M38 2004
- ✧ *Transferring Property Without Probate*, GEN3 KFC210.Z9Q55 2004

Remaining Action Guides are not yet revised in the new style and continue in binders at GEN3 KFC990.A33. They do not check out. For a complete list of all Action Guides, see page 74 of the "QUICK GUIDE" at the Reference Desk. 

LOOKING AT THE WEB

by Mora Prestinary, Reference Librarian



International Law Sites

- Tufts University
http://fletcher.tufts.edu/inter_resources/
- The American Society of International Law
<http://asil.org/>
- Electronic Information System for International Law
<http://www.eisil.org/>
- Global Courts
<http://www.globalcourts.com/>
- Search Engine Colossus
<http://www.searchenginecolossus.com/>
- Cornell University
http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/library/RESOURCES/International_Resources/
- World Wide Constitutions
<http://www.concourt.am/wwconst/constit/consts2l.htm>
- Constitutions of the Americas
<http://www.georgetown.edu/pdba/Constitutions/constitutions.html> 



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EUROPEAN LAW: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

by John Patrick Quigley

PAST LAW

Europe has had a disproportionate effect on world history, at least partly due to its geographical divisions by water and mountains. For a while, this inhibited centralized control and facilitated local initiative. Europe's most glorious civilization was in Greece, whose mountains, peninsulas and islands are a miniature caricature of Europe as a whole. In addition to ancient Greece's achievements in art, science and philosophy, it appears that it inaugurated the earliest rudimentary democracies. For legal aspects, see *Lawyers and Litigants in Ancient Athens: The Genesis of the Legal Profession*, GEN4 KBB.B6.

Greek civilization was largely adopted by the Romans, whose most significant contribution, from our viewpoint, was the development of written law. See *The Principles of Roman Law and Their Relation to Modern Law*, GEN4 KBD.B87 1938a. This culminated in extensive legal codification in the Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire, the most important work being *The Digest of Justinian* (Volumes 1-4), GEN4 KBD.D5.

Subsequent European development built on this and is discussed in *The Continental Legal History Series*, GEN4 K46.C6 Volumes I – IX & XI. This led to the adoption of Civil Codes on the continent (see *The Making of the Civil Law*, GEN4 K585.W37 1981), the most significant being the *Code Napoleon*, GEN4 KJV444.2 1804.

English common law, although also influenced by Roman concepts, took a different approach. See *An Introduction to Comparative Law*, GEN4 K583.Z813 1998. Also see the analysis in *Ancient Law*, GEN4 KI90.M35 2002, and *The Great Legal Philosophers: Selected Readings in Jurisprudence*, GEN4 K226.M6A2 1959, which begins with Aristotle.

In a recent article, we also attributed to geography the triumph of Anglo-American democracy over totalitarianism in Europe: "Direct Democracy: Ballot Propositions", August 2004 *Transcript*, www.oc.ca.gov/lawlib/TRANS08-04.pdf.

PRESENT LAW

The most current printed materials that we have on present European law are sections in loose leaf publications, all revised in 2004: *Constitutions of the Countries of the World*, GEN4 K3154.A6B3; *World Patent Law and Practice* (Appendix 1), GEN4 K1505.4.B3; *International Copyright Law and Practice*, GEN4 K1420.5.I54; *Trademark Protection and Practice* (Ch. 10, 10A & 37), GEN3 KF3178.G53; *International Corporate Procedures*, GEN4 K1005.4.I573; and *Franchising* (Chapter 8A), GEN3 KF2023.A6G5.

More detailed, but dated, material includes: *Licensing Law Handbook: Intellectual Property and Licensing Law – The European Union and Asia*, GEN5 KF3147.A9N5; *Intellectual Property in Europe*, GEN4 KJE2636.T75 2002; *Procedure to Enforce Foreign Judgments*, GEN4 KJC3800.P76 2002; and *European Criminal Law*, GEN4 KJC7975.C67 2002. Also see ABA reports in *Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative*, GEN4 KJC432.A47 (through 2004).

FUTURE LAW

After centuries of invasions, revolutions and other fighting, culminating in two World Wars, European nations are now democratic and forming a union that they hope will rival the United States in power and prosperity. See *European Union Law in a Nutshell*, GEN4 KJE949.F55 2004. On May 1, 2004, The European Union, consisting of all West European countries except Switzerland, Norway and Iceland, was enlarged to include the Mediterranean islands of Cyprus and Malta, plus 8 nations in Eastern Europe that were parts or satellites of the former Soviet Union. Member nations are currently debating a proposed constitution, and EU authorities are exploring further extension to Balkan countries, the Ukraine, and Turkey. Future developments can be tracked by searching for periodicals (e.g. *The Tulane European and Civil Law Forum*, K24.U382), in our Legaltrac or Hein Online computer programs. Also visit the websites listed in the "Looking at the Web" article in this issue of the *Transcript*. 

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